

available the programs and services that allow members to conduct their business with integrity and competency.

Jeanie began her career as an account executive at Pacific Telephone Company and AT&T. In 1986 she became an area production manager at First Interstate Mortgage. In 1990 Jeanie started working at All Pacific Mortgage Company, where she served as vice-president and branch manager. Currently, Jeanie is the area production manager at Union Planters Mortgage in Fresno, CA.

Throughout her career, Ms. Miller has maintained involvement in the community. She has been active in several organizations, including: Fresno Realtors Association, Association of Professional Mortgage Women, president of the Central Valley Executive Association, and Finance and Stewardship Committee at St. Luke's Church. She is currently the affiliate chairperson for the Fresno Association of Realtors. She was also voted "Affiliate of the Year" by the Fresno Association of Realtors in 1987. Jeanie's personal mission is to feed the hungry through Love, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jeanie Miller for being named "Affiliate of the Year" by the Fresno Association of Realtors. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Jeanie many more years of continued success.

HONORING HUGH McDIARMID ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. DINGELL Mr. Speaker, today I speak on behalf of myself and my colleague, Mr. UPTON, to recognize honor and salute my dear friend Hugh McDiarmid on his retirement from the The Detroit Free Press and for his many years of dedicated political reporting.

Hugh stated his career in journalism more than 40 years ago at the Journal Herald in Ohio and has covered politics ever since. For the past 25 years, Hugh has written for The Free Press. In short, he has become an institution in Michigan politics.

Hugh's columns are legendary for their keen political insights. Indeed, few reporters can hold a candle to Hugh's skills as a journalist, much less match his unflappable wit—which I have born the brunt of upon occasion.

Hugh's retirement does not mean that those of us who love his columns will be completely bereft of his voice altogether. Hugh will continue to contribute articles to The Free Press, and for that we are grateful.

Mr. Speaker, as Hugh leaves behind a long and rich history at The Free Press to spend time with his family, I would ask that all of my colleagues salute Hugh, his good reporting, biting wit and above all his earnest good will and compassion for his fellow man.

CROSBY KAZARIAN HONORED

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the life-long contributions of Crosby Kazarian to his community and church. Due to his record of service. Mr. Kazarian was honored recently with the Pontifical Medal of St. Nersess Shnorhali by His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, at St. David Armenian Church of Boca Raton, Florida. The presentation of the medal and the Patriarchal Encyclical, reached here from Holy Etchmiadzin, the Holy See of the Armenian Church, were made by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Crosby Kazarian was praised for his widespread services in the Armenian Church, the Diocese, the Knights of Vartan, the Armenian General Benevolent Union, and the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in New York.

As an American born Armenian, Crosby was one of the rare members who was very fluent in Armenian, both liturgical and conversational, whose participation as an ordained deacon in the Armenian Church, and a member of the church choir in Providence since 1944, was an outstanding accomplishment.

Mr. Kazarian was a member of the Parish Council, and a Diocesan Delegate. He was chairman of the Diocesan Assembly in 1976–78, and was on the Diocesan Council from 1979–83. He has been a member of the St. Nersess Theological Seminary Board of Directors, and since 1985 has served on the Armenian Church Endowment Fund's Board of Trustees.

A phenomenon in an individual's life was Crosby Kazarian's election as the Grand Commander of the Knights of Vartan, an International Armenian Fraternal organization, which was hailed as the youngest among his predecessors during 1983–85. Presently an active member of the Brotherhood, Crosby is also a member of St. David Armenian Church, being one of its Godfathers on the consecration day in 1988, and still serving the same church as an Archdeacon, Mr. Kazarian and his wife of forty-years, Araxie, are the parents of two sons, Gregory and Ara.

IN HONOR OF NOBEL WINNING POET GEORGE SEFERIS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to George Seferis (nom de plume of George Seferiadis), on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

On December 5, 2000 the Consulate Generals of Greece and Cyprus, the Hon. Dimitris Platis and the Hon. Vasilis Philippou will host

an evening of celebration of the works of George Seferiadis. This cultural event will provide an opportunity for many individuals to appreciate the works of George Seferis, statesman, fighter for democracy, and poet.

George Seferis was born on the 29th of February 1900 in Smyrna. The family moved to Athens in 1914. From 1918–1924 he studied law in Paris and in 1926 joined the diplomatic service. His career took him to London and Albania. From the 28th of October 1940, when Mussolini attacked Greece, every evening he held foreign press briefings in Athens. These press conferences are still remembered.

During WWII he served in Beirut and Alexandria. After the war he continued to serve in the diplomatic core and was stationed in Ankara, London, and Beirut. In 1963 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. George Seferis' poetry shows his search for clarification. His striving toward the lights that stands for life, hope, and salvation in what gives his poetry its anguished tone but also its sense of immediacy. The clarity of his precisely controlled style, his complex symbolism, his powerful understatement, with the intensity of his suppressed emotions, compactness of nuance and wealth of allusions create an effect of dramatic density.

Lord, help us to keep in mind the causes of this slaughter: greed, dishonesty, selfishness,

The desecration of love;

Lord, help us to root these out . . .

As we celebrate the hundred years since his birth and mourn his death (September 20th, 1971), Hellenes have been singing Seferis' stanza of hope put to music by Theodorakis:

A little farther

We will see the almond trees blossoming

The marble gleaming in the sun

The sea breaking into waves

A little farther

Let us rise a little higher.

He died during the time of the brutal military dictatorship in Greece. Having denounced the regime on March 28, 1969, he became a symbol for millions of Greeks who hated the junta and knew of his poetry.

We truly thank the Honorable Vasilis Philippou and the Honorable Dimitris Platis for sharing with us the wonderful works and history of George Seferis.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR BEN W. STUTTS OF CHEROKEE, AL

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fallen soldier from my district, Maj. Ben W. Stutts. Major Stutts is a true hero of our district and I am pleased that his family will receive the Purple Heart in his honor today for his extraordinary acts of bravery and his lifetime commitment to our armed services.

Born in Cherokee, Alabama, Major Stutts first entered the Army Reserves after finishing Florence State College and the ROTC program. He served as a military police officer